



Dr. Vukmir Vlastic

June 14, 1965 - August 22, 2020

Memorial services will be held on Friday, September 4, 2020 at 2:00 pm in Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel in Lafayette, for Dr. Vukmir Vlastic, age 55, who died on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette. The family will receive guests at the funeral home on Friday from 1:00 PM until the service time.

Deacon Cody Miller will conduct the services.

For family members and friends who are unable to attend on Friday, the service will be live-streamed to a Memorial Facebook Group dedicated to Dr. Vlastic. To join the group, click the link below and then "join group". The video will appear on this group at service time 2:00 PM (CST). You may also share memories, pictures and condolences to the family in this group.

Facebook link: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/Dr.Vlastic>

Survivors include his wife Vesna, daughters Veronika and Vida, sister Vedrana and her husband Ivica, nephew Josip and niece Klara.

He was preceded in death by his father Vinko and his mother Vilma.

Vukmir was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia to Croatian parents and lived in Croatia for most of his life. After graduating medical school in Zagreb, Croatia, his thirst for knowledge led him to the United States of America where he specialized in pediatric pulmonology and sleep medicine. For the last 10 years he lived in Lafayette, Louisiana where he worked as a devoted and kind hearted doctor. Despite being far away, he regularly visited his family in Croatia and was a loving and caring husband, father and brother. He will be dearly missed.

Memorial contributions can be made in Dr. Vukmir Vlastic's name to Mary's Meals USA,

www.marysmealsusa.org/

A heartfelt appreciation is extended by the Vlastic family to all his people in Lafayette who made him feel at home far away from home.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com

Martin & Castille-SOUTHSIDE-600 E. Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508, 337-984-2811

Events

SEP **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Martin & Castille - SOUTHSIDE
600 E. Farrel Rd, Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

SEP **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel
600 E. Farrel Road, Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

Comments



“ I'm so sorry for your lost. He was such a amazing person. He took real good care of my little girl whom he met since she was 2 years old and now she is 5. We are so heart broken

LaShonda Randle - September 27, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ My heart is broken , I never got a chance to thank him for taking such good care of my baby girl. He was an amazing Dr. And you could tell he was a loving spirit. Thank you for all you did for my Kennedy and all the other children you helped . You will be missed



Pamela White - September 27, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ This breaks our hearts to learn about your untimely passing & thinking we would get to see you at the next appt in October, you are the best Doctor that me & my daughter have come across you took us in & explained everything about her health you made sure that she got the best possible care, we always looked forward to dr appts with you & joked about your accent you will be tremendously missed thanks Dr Classic for being the awesome Doctor that you were.
Condolences to your family from our family
Asya & Necal Ledet

Necal Ledet - September 26, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ Dr. Vlastic saved my life, and I deeply regret not giving him my gratitude when I could.

Since I was four years old, doctors struggled to determine what was causing my repeated trips to the emergency room. A great deal of my youth was spent in ICU rooms recovering from traumatic asthmatic episodes. It was assumed for years that I had a complicated case of asthma. Some doctors considered cystic fibrosis, and I recall being given a life expectancy at some point. Hundreds of x-rays, lung scans, and a bronchoscopy gave no clarity as to my condition. I "coded" and almost died twice. Doctors were left puzzled when my lungs didn't improve after various treatments and medications.

When I was about eleven years old, I met Dr. Vlastic at Women's & Children's. I'll never forget the first time I saw him. He was the tallest doctor I'd ever seen and the depth of his voice was unreal, but even more significant were his noticeable empathy, compassion, and wisdom. Not only did he acknowledge that I had special symptoms that he would need to research, but he ensured me that he'd use his expertise to solve my problem and end my suffering. It wasn't long at all before he diagnosed me with Bronchiolitis Obliterans Organizing Pneumonia (BOOP). He told me it was extremely rare and incurable, but that we were going to treat it and render it virtually unnoticeable. For the first time in my life, I felt confident in my physician. He was the first person to ever give me hope. He took the time to explain my condition to me so that we could treat it as a team. He went above and beyond what any physician had ever done for me. He did not guess as to my condition. He did not treat me as a customer. He was a TRUE physician- a qualified expert with a huge heart who dedicated his life to his patients.

For a year or two, I returned to his office for exams at least once a month after being diagnosed with BOOP. I looked forward to these visits so we could observe, together, that his treatment plan was working. I'd do my breathing tests and then wait for him to look at the results and tell me his thoughts. During this short waiting time, I always was a little worried, thinking, "What if his diagnosis was wrong? What if my lungs got worse? What if the medicine isn't working as he planned?"...but each time he entered the room, he had the biggest, most reassuring smile on his face. He made me feel like a rockstar- like I was the one who was responsible for my continuing recovery, even though it was purely a result of his hard work.

The frequency of my incidents started to rapidly decline and eventually stopped altogether. The last time I went to the emergency room was when I was 17. Today, I am a 23-year-old law student at LSU who is no longer limited by my disease. Prior to meeting Dr. Vlastic, I could not have imagined being where I am today, because I truly thought I'd lose my battle before I could graduate college. A few months ago, I expressed to my parents that I wanted to write him a letter or go visit him to show him how far I've come. It pains me to know that I've lost the chance, but at the very least I am comforted with the thought that his family will see this and know that he changed my life. Thanks to Dr. Vlastic, I have a story, and thanks to him, I'm alive to tell that story. I will NEVER forget him, and I will continue talking about him for as long as I can.

Allie Wilkinson - September 09, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ Correction: He diagnosed me at age 13.

Allie Wilkinson - September 09, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ My family and I are so sorry to hear of Dr. Vlastic's passing. He was such a good man, an exceptional doctor, and a joy to be around. My son, Phillip, has been his patient for the past 5 years. He always greeted us with a smile and was very thorough with his patients. We will miss him .

Carolyn McMahon-Locks - September 09, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Dr V - you were loved by all those you treated and worked with - we will miss you. We shared a clinic Hall together At women's and children's - and you always made me smile and laugh- thank you for welcoming me as I started my clinic in Lafayette and always supporting me. May God Bless you and comfort your family during this most difficult time.

Brad Culotta
Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery

Brad Culotta - September 09, 2020 at 06:49 AM



“ This makes me so sad to hear of his passing. I know him from whole foods I work there and he came in often he was always very nice and he liked the way I bagged his groceries. The last time I seen him was when this covid stuff first started, he brought each of us in a mask to wear because we were not at that time provided with any. That was such a caring gesture on his part and we really appreciated it.

Barbi Bodin - September 08, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ Dr. V was a truly remarkable physician and friend. He cared about everyone and was the gentlest giant to such small patients and his heart was just as big. He will be greatly missed by all those that had the honor of knowing him and those that will never get to be his patient. May he rest in peace. My hugs and prayers go out to his family.



Kelly Williams - September 06, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ Vukmir and I have both attended the same medical school, and came to the United States to pursue our careers. We have entered the same field of pediatric pulmonary and sleep medicine. I have enjoyed meeting and talking to Vukmir over the years at our professional conferences. I know I will always find myself looking for him during lunch breaks, at future pediatric pulmonary/sleep functions. These meetings will never be the same without you. Our field has lost a compassionate, dedicated, and enthusiastic member. To my fellow, pediatric pulmonologist, rest in peace. My deepest condolences to the family.

Dr Gordana Lovrekovic Zakula
Savannah, Georgia

Gordana Lovrekovic Zakula - September 06, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ Hearing the news was devastating. Dr. Valasic was an amazing soul. My daughter Traviona was one of his challenging patients. No matter how things may have seemed he never gave up on her. And even when the odds were up against us, Dr. Valasic kept us with high hope and faith. He and Kelly made an awesome team! He will truly be missed.



Twalla Yowl (Traviona Esprit's mom) - September 06, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Courtney Lentz lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Courtney Lentz - September 04, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ This breaks my heart...

Like many of you, I can't think of any better way to describe Dr. Vlastic but "a gentle giant." Everyone I've ever met who knew Dr. Vlastic loved him. We met him when our youngest was hospitalized in December of 2018 when she was 3.5. He was one of the most compassionate doctors I have ever met. When she had to be readmitted a month or so later he sent us over to the hospital and said, "If they don't take you back within 5 minutes call me" then gave us his personal number. Ten minutes later we were still there so I called him, he had us being processed into a room within 5 minutes. She was in the picu for 8 days in December (she got out the day before Christmas) then was readmitted the next month (to the pedes ward this time).

We have seen Dr. Vlastic every 3 months since then and Addison absolutely adored him. I'm not sure how to tell her about him, I cry every time I think about it because she is going to be heartbroken. For a little girl who was terrified to go to the doctor after her experience at the hospital she loved getting to go to her checkups with him. She was excited going in and would run to hug him every time he entered the room. Most visits he would draw a flower on a tongue depressor for her, she still has all of them.

We will always remember and be grateful for his knowledge, kindness, and compassion. Here is a pic of Addison waiting for Dr. Vlastic at her last appointment. You can see how happy she is to be there for her checkup because she was going to see him.



Courtney Lentz - September 04, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Kylan Sinegal lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Kylan Sinegal - September 03, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ Irene Sinegal lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Irene Sinegal - September 03, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ My daughter Alexis and I could not believe the news when we called into the office when we were told about Dr. Vlastic's passing. It was such a blow to us, we just saw him a couple of months ago and even thought my daughter turned 18 he said she would be his patient as long as he wanted to see her. Lafayette has lost a wonderful doctor and no one will ever replace him. So sorry for his families loss.

Wendy LeBlanc - September 03, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Ruzica, Ira i Lada Vlastic purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic.



Ruzica, Ira i Lada Vlastic - September 03, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ Dr. Vlastic was a gentle giant his heart was even bigger for his patients. What a lost! His passion for his patients. My son was one of his challenging patients that he refuse to give up on. My heart got heavy when I heard the news there will be no other like Dr. Vlastic. JaKolbey loves the hand full of tongue depressors and suckers. Let not forget Ms. Kelli she such a sweetheart. Prayers for his family, colleagues and friends. Lawanda Theodile



Lawanda Theodile ~ JaKolbey Theodile mom - August 31, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ Dr Vlastic, you were heaven sent to me and my family. I dont know how we will move on without all of your knowledge and expertise. You were so kind, and your voice was infectious. You loved what you did you so much and you could tell. May you rest in peace now and know that you will never be forgotten, and everything you did in life made a difference. My deepest condolences to the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time

Ludys Borroto Garcia - August 30, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ My dear friend when I got the news I was shocked didnt have any words just tears you will be deeply missed by many me for one . May you rest and watch over everyone now and protect the ones you love cause even though your not physically here your here spiritually my deepest prayers and thoughts for his family

Nikki Netto - August 29, 2020 at 06:12 AM



“ What an Amazing Doctor myself and my 2 boys Christopher and Kole will miss you . Prayers for his Family and Friends and all of his patients and coworkers . May he Rest In Peace



Celeste Verrette - August 28, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ Dr. Vlassic was such a wonderful man. My daughter looked forward to her apt. with him. He made her smile every time He was a very uplifting and kind man. He will be greatly missed.

Patricia Leblanc - August 28, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Boris Juraški lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



boris juraški - August 28, 2020 at 07:56 AM



“ Melita Noršić lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Melita Noršić - August 28, 2020 at 03:19 AM



“ Jadranka Popovic lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Jadranka Popovic - August 27, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ I have known Vukmir for many years, all the way from medical school in Croatia. He then was my junior resident during the pediatric residency training in NYC. We shared many on call nights, learning from each other and planning our professional futures. I also remember how happy and proud he was when his first daughter was born. Many years later as sub-specialists we lectured and taught together generations of Croatian pediatric residents, at the pediatric summer school in Dubrovnik for over ten years. I have fond memories of those summers. I remember Vukmir as thorough, dedicated teacher who also knew how to have fun and enjoy a good meal. I know how much our students loved and respected him. My friend, we lost you prematurely, rest in peace. My deepest sympathies and condolences to the family. Dragi Vukmir prerano smo te izgubili, pocivao u miru. Moja duboka sucut obitelji. Jadranka Popovic



Jadranka Popovic - August 27, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ Damir Erceg lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Damir Erceg - August 27, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ Maja Petrinc lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Maja Petrinc - August 27, 2020 at 01:38 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Dr Vlastic passing. May he REST IN PEACE and God comfort his family. Big loss for the pediatric medical community and the family and children in Acadiana

Josie Belizaire - August 26, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Josie Belizaire lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Josie Belizaire - August 26, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ Prayers to Dr. Vlastic’s family going up . He was such a blessing to so many children and families

Michelle Whitley - August 26, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ Jelić Mira i Vidak lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Jelić Mira i Vidak - August 26, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Moja sućut, Vidina prva učiteljica Sanja.

Sanja Žagmeštar - August 26, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ I will miss those amazing hugs, that sweet smile that could melt away all the stress of the day, and his wonderful voice. Dr. Vlastic was one of the kindest physicians I have ever been blessed to work with. He loved to spoil us with treats in the O.R. and truly cared about his patients as well as those working alongside him. I pray that our Dear Lord will immerse his precious family in His Grace to endure this tragedy and to carry on his amazing legacy.



Nikki Moore - August 26, 2020 at 03:26 AM



“ Amazing and remarkable man. Ljudina od covjeka. His warm hart and smile could take away all your worries.
My prayers are with his family.

Jana Bojadziska - August 26, 2020 at 01:29 AM



“ Dr. Vlastic was amazing. He helped our little boy so much. He called me, more than once, to give me test results himself. His main goal was to make my baby better. He referred us to other specialists who helped mend our child. He was one of a kind. We will miss our appointments greatly.

To Nurse Kelly: I'm so sorry for your loss. When you work with someone, you form a bond that is unbreakable. I pray peace at this time.

Devin and Cobe May - August 26, 2020 at 12:02 AM



“ Dr. Vlastic made our lives better because our child was healthier. He was generous, realistic and pro-active. For me and my family, he will always be a hero.

Beth McCleery - August 25, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ A great Dr who we are going to surely miss. I loved working with him. He was always kind to staff and good to his patients. Praying for the family.



Marcia James - August 25, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ Such an amazing man. My deepest condolences to the family.



stasha comeaux - August 25, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ Gabriel Callahan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Gabriel Callahan - August 25, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Doctor Vlastic made an incredibly profound impact on my life, and as a patient myself I saw how committed and how skilled he was with his line of work. Doctor Vlastic will live on in all of our hearts, in our minds, and in his many, many patients. In fact, Doctor Vlastic was the final push I needed to decide my future career. I want to become a respiratory therapist, because of Doctor Vlastic's endless commitment to helping children like me with their breathing problems. You've taught me so much Doctor Vlastic, I won't let it go to waste.

Gabriel Callahan - August 25, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ My prayers go out to Dr.Vlasic and family GOD rest his beautiful soul.



RAMG - August 25, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ I am so heartbroken to see this news. Dr Vlasic was a great dr to my kids & he helped me get the proper specialists needed to take care of their every need. He will be missed. Prayers for his family.



Chasity - August 25, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ Doctor been my son doctor since he was 2 months old he was a very sweet man he was the only one that got this done when the other doctors where not doing what they were supposed to be doing we were have problems with his GI doctor he found us a another doctor this man will be miss a very big shake that he was taking home to be with Jesus I'm sorry for ur losses

shannon aucoin - August 25, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Dr Vukmir Vlasic was such a great doctor and great person. His energy and his enormous knowledge helped to organize the first Sleep lab for kids in Croatia. He continued to teach us even from the USA. We are continuing his work and keeping the memory of doctor Vukmir in our hearths. RIP. Doctor Romana Gjergja from the Sleep Lab in Children's Hospital Srebrnjak in Zagreb, Croatia.

Romana Gjergja Juraski - August 25, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ Martina Markin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Martina Markin - August 25, 2020 at 08:30 AM



“ Such a wonderful person, an amazing physician. He took care of my greatgrandson at age 2 weeks, in PICU for a month. The medical world has lost a great one. for the family.

freida fontenot - August 25, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ Andreja lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Andreja - August 25, 2020 at 07:54 AM



“ Vukmir Vlastic was a unique person. He left a great impression on every person he met. He selflessly helped everyone in their life and career. Great loss for us all. R.I.P. Sincere condolences to the family.

Petra Nimac Kozina - August 25, 2020 at 07:30 AM



“ My daughter who is now 21 years old saw Dr. Vlastic until she turned 18 years old. We were very sad when she aged out and had to be seen by an adult pulmonologist. He was one of the sweetest and most caring doctors imaginable. He did not care if you were rich, poor, or in between. He treated his pediatric patients as if each one was his own. He had a heart of gold for everyone including the parents. He always took the time to listen, do paperwork you might need for your child's school, give Rx samples, give treats, etc. Dr. Vlastic is irreplaceable. My daughter and I will miss him forever. A true angel on this earth. May he now rest in Heaven with our Lord and Savior.

Leola and Adria Conley - August 25, 2020 at 06:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic.



Hrvoje Tomasovic - August 25, 2020 at 05:37 AM



“ Malo sam imao prijatelja kao što je bio Vukmir! Vukmir je moj prijatelj sa studija. Zajedno smo proveli najljepše godine studiranja! Dragi prijatelju jako me pogodio tvoj prerani odlazak iz ove doline suza! Nadam se da ćeš tamo gdje si sada pronaći svoj vječni mir i spokoj! Tvoj prijatelj Hrvoje Tomasović!

Hrvoje Tomasovic - August 25, 2020 at 05:25 AM



“ The best mentor I had and one of the warmest People I ever met. Thank you for everything VV you taught me, I Will always remember you and our Coffee in the yard after night shifts. Duboka sućut obitelji.

Natko Beck - August 25, 2020 at 03:56 AM



“ The world has lost a great doctor and a great person...rest in peace...

Iva Mrkic Kobal - August 25, 2020 at 02:57 AM



“ Michaela Grah Didic lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Michaela Grah Didic - August 25, 2020 at 02:33 AM



“ Irena Vrkljan Didić lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Irena Vrkljan Didić - August 25, 2020 at 02:25 AM



“ Sonja Kljak lit a candle in memory of Dr. Vukmir Vlastic



Sonja Kljak - August 25, 2020 at 02:16 AM



“ Dr. Vlasi was so sweet and patient. He took care of the children and parents. He always gave the children way too many stickers, but stickers were better than the handful of tongue suppressors (Lol!). We will miss our Pulmonology appointments. Dr. Vlasic was such a blessing to our family. Sincerely, Bernard Family

shannon bernard - August 24, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ Dr. Vlasic was a wonderful doctor and person. He was my little girls lung doctor and he was great with her. Everytime we went for her visits he was always so proud of the progress she made. We was so compassionate about his little patients and we never had to second guess anything he told us. RIP doc you will be missed very much!!!

Sherry - August 24, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ And his super awesome nurse Kelly was so nice and friendly. We will miss seeing you.

Sherry - August 26, 2020 at 12:11 AM



“ I can probably write a novel on how much I respect, admire, and love Dr. Vlasic. Since the first apt my son had with him he instantly became my favorite doctor that my son sees... his optimism and faith in Thomas helped me stay positive through so many things. He was the most intelligent person I have ever met, and we will miss him so much. My heart is so sad right now... This world lost an amazing Doctor, but heaven gained such a beautiful angel! Dr. Vlasic we will miss you so much! Our thoughts and prayers are with his entire family and work family!

Lauren, Travis, and Thomas Thibodeaux

Lauren - August 24, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ Dr. Vlasic was a great doctor and person. He always called or came by when he had a question about a test. We will miss you Dr. Vlasic.

Cynthia Singleton - August 24, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ Dr.Vlasic was such a wonderful person.

Patti Lafosse - August 24, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ I can still here his voice inside my head giving me orders, “So this is what we are going to do, I want you to do this, then this, and then we will do this. I’m telling you it is going to work. We will make them better.” Loved him. So present in the moment with his patients....I will miss his presence.

Kim - August 24, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ Although I didn’t work directly with Dr. Vlasic during my time at Kid’s Specialty, he would always go to bat for me, no matter what. I will miss you Dr. Vlasic, a great man, gone too soon.

Windi Sullivan - August 24, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ We will never forget Vukmir. Friends from Srebrnjak Children Hospital, Zagreb, croatia

Slavica - August 25, 2020 at 04:40 AM



“ Dr V, was one of the most caring sweet men I have had the pleasure to know and work with!! He cared for his patients, families and co workers!! He would always have something kind to say to put a smile on my face!! RIP Dr Vlasic you will be missed by so many!!

LaDonna Harrison - August 24, 2020 at 08:59 PM